

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 482

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Samuel Clark Grefseng,  
2007 Valedictorian of Zion Christian Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Clark Grefseng is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Zion Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Samuel Grefseng has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Samuel has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has been an active member of numerous organizations, including the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Class Council, Drama Team, and Chess Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grefseng has earned numerous honors and accolades, including the Distinguished Scholastic and Athletic Achievement Award, Sports Quest All-American, several awards in art, and inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; moreover, Samuel Grefseng has also received a scholarship to attend Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding athlete, Samuel Grefseng was a key member of his school's baseball, basketball, football, and cross-country teams; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Grefseng has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship and volunteers his time and considerable talents to many worthy causes, including serving as a basketball coach for a children's league, art and recreation assistant for

his church's Vacation Bible School, a Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer, mission work in Mexico and Peru, a Walk for Life participant, and many other laudable activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grefseng's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Samuel's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Robert Grefseng and Melinda Grefseng, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Grefseng's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Zion Christian Academy Valedictorian, Samuel Clark Grefseng, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.